

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 28-35 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 20, 21 and 25 have been amended. Claims 36-39 are new. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, due to an antecedent basis issue; claims 1-35 were rejected for nonstatutory double patenting in view of U.S. Patent no. 6,742,082. Claims 28-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on U.S. Patent Application Publication no. 2002/0029282 of Buddhikot et al., and under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on U.S. Patent no. 6,505,169 of Bhagavath et al.

Except for the amendment of claim 21, the above amendments are not made in response to the rejections or to comply with any statutory requirement of patentability, since no such amendments are believed to be necessary.

Section 112 Rejection

Claim 21 has been amended so as to overcome the rejection under section 112(2).

Double Patenting Rejection

Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer, which is believed to overcome the double patenting rejection.

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Prior Art Rejections

Claims 28-35 have been canceled, rendering the rejections under sections 102 and 103 moot.

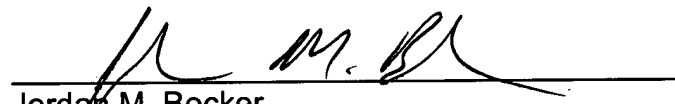
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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